

Senate Study Bill 3066

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BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
VETERANS AFFAIRS BILL)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act concerning eligibility for receiving a Vietnam Conflict
2 veterans bonus for a certain period of active duty military
3 service and including an effective date and retroactive
4 applicability provision.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 35A.8, subsection 5, paragraph a, Code
1 2 Supplement 2007, is amended to read as follows:
1 3 a. The executive director shall provide for the
1 4 administration of the bonus authorized in this subsection.
1 5 The ~~commission~~ department shall adopt rules, pursuant to
1 6 chapter 17A, as necessary to administer this subsection
1 7 including but not limited to application procedures,
1 8 investigation, approval or disapproval, and payment of claims.
1 9 Sec. 2. Section 35A.8, subsection 5, paragraph b,
1 10 subparagraph (1), Code Supplement 2007, is amended to read as
1 11 follows:
1 12 (1) A person who served on active duty for not less than
1 13 one hundred twenty days in the armed forces of the United
1 14 States, and who served on active duty at any time between July
1 15 1, 1973, and May 31, 1975, both dates inclusive, and who at
1 16 the time of entering into active duty service was a legal
1 17 resident of the state of Iowa, and who had maintained the
1 18 person's residence in this state for a period of at least six
1 19 months immediately before entering into active duty service,
1 20 and was honorably discharged or separated from active duty
1 21 service, or is still in active service in an honorable status,
1 22 or has been retired, or has been furloughed to a reserve, or
1 23 has been placed on inactive status is entitled to receive from
1 24 moneys appropriated for that purpose the sum of seventeen
1 25 dollars and fifty cents for each month that the person was on
1 26 active duty service in the Vietnam service area, within the
1 27 dates specified in this subparagraph, if the veteran earned
1 28 either a Vietnam service medal or an armed forces
1 29 expeditionary medal-Vietnam or can otherwise establish service
1 30 in the Vietnam service area during that period. Compensation
1 31 under this subparagraph shall not exceed a total sum of five
1 32 hundred dollars. Compensation for a fraction of a month shall
1 33 not be considered unless the fraction is sixteen days or more,
1 34 in which case the fraction shall be computed as a full month.
1 35 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE == RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY. This
2 1 Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon
2 2 enactment and is retroactively applicable to July 1, 2007, and
2 3 is applicable on and after that date.
2 4 EXPLANATION
2 5 This bill concerns the Vietnam Conflict veterans bonus for
2 6 active duty military service between July 1, 1973, and May 31,
2 7 1975.
2 8 The bill provides that the department of veterans affairs,
2 9 not the commission of veterans affairs, establish rules
2 10 concerning this bonus.
2 11 The bill also provides that the bonus is available to a
2 12 person who served on active duty for no less than 120 days and
2 13 who served, for any length of time, between July 1, 1973, and
2 14 May 31, 1975. Current law provides that the person had to
2 15 serve on active duty at least 120 days between July 1, 1973,
2 16 and May 31, 1975.
2 17 The bill takes effect upon enactment and is retroactively

2 18 applicable to July 1, 2007.
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